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SUBJECT: NEW COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3476

1. AUGUST 13 ETHIOPIAN HERALD PUBLISHED CORRECTION OF THE TITLE OF ABIYU GELETA. ABIYU WAS ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED AS "COMMISSIONER OF REPARATIONS" (A COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO ASSESS SOMALI-CAUSED WAR DAMAGES), IN FACT HE IS THE NEW COMMISSIONER OF THE COMPENSATIONS COMMISSION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING AND PROCESSING CLAIMS OF NATIONALIZED COMPANIES AND FIRMS, BOTH ETHIOPIAN AND FOREIGN-OWNED ONES. ABIYU'S APPOINTMENT MAY INDICATE marginally GREATER CONCERN BY PMGSE ABOUT COMPENSATION ISSUES BECAUSE OF ABIYUS RELATIVELY STRONG CREDENTIALS.

2. ABIYU RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE FROM HAILE SELASSIE UNIVERSITY (NOW ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY) IN 1967, TAUGHT A COURSE IN "PROPERTY" IN 1967-68 AND WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AN ASSOCIATION OF FORMER LAW STUDENTS IN 1969. AN INFORMED SOURCE CLAIMED THAT ABIYU RECEIVED SOME OF HIS EDUCATION IN THE U.S., BUT DID
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NOT SPECIFY AT WHAT TIME THIS OCCURRED. ABIYU WAS CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF WOLLEGA REGION FROM JANUARY 1975 TO AUGUST 1978, AN UNUSUALLY LENGTHY PERIOD DURING A TURBULENT PHASE OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. ABIYU HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS INTELLIGENT AND SOMEWHAT OF AN OPPORTUNIST. HE IS PROBABLY BETWEEN 35-40 YEARS OLD. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO CULTIVATE HIM.

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